

# GRIFFON BRUXELLOIS BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

## GENERAL CODE OF ETHICS

All members of the GBBA undertake to abide by its general Code of Ethics.

### Club members

- 1) Will properly house, feed, water and exercise all dogs under their care and arrange for appropriate veterinary attention if and when required.
- 2) Will agree without reservation that any veterinary surgeon performing an operation on any of their dogs which alters the natural conformation of the animal, or who carries out a caesarean section on a bitch, may report such operation to the Kennel Club.
- 3) Will agree that no healthy puppy will be culled. Puppies which may not conform to the Breed Standard should be placed in suitable homes.
- 4) Will abide by all aspects of the Animal Welfare Act.
- 5) Will not create demand for, nor supply, puppies that have been docked illegally.
- 6) Will agree not to breed from a dog or bitch which could be in any way harmful to the dog or to the breed.
- 7) Will not allow any of their dogs to roam at large or to cause a nuisance to neighbours or those carrying out official duties.
- 8) Will ensure that their dogs wear properly tagged collars and will be kept leashed or under effective control when away from home.
- 9) Will clean up after their dogs in public places or anywhere their dogs are being exhibited.
- 10) Will only sell dogs where there is a reasonable expectation of a happy and healthy life and will help with the re-homing of a dog if the initial circumstances change.
- 11) Will supply written details of all dietary requirements and give guidance concerning responsible ownership when placing dogs in a new home.
- 12) Will ensure that all relevant Kennel Club documents are provided to the new owner when selling or transferring a dog, and will agree, in writing, to forward any relevant documents at the earliest opportunity, if not immediately available.
- 13) Will not sell any dog to commercial dog wholesalers, retail pet dealers or directly or indirectly allow dogs to be given as a prize or donation in a competition of any kind. Will not sell by sale or auction Kennel Club registration certificates as stand alone items (not accompanying a dog)
- 14) Will not knowingly misrepresent the characteristics of the breed nor falsely advertise dogs nor mislead any person regarding the health or quality of a dog.
- 15) All breeding should be primarily for the purpose of improving the standard of the breed.
- 16) Litters should be carefully planned using healthy bitches and stud dogs of sound temperament and conformation. No bitch should bear puppies before 15 months of age and thereafter not more than twice in each succeeding 18 months.
- 17) **No puppy should be sold unless it has been inoculated, wormed and fully weaned and NOT before the age of ten weeks.** No puppies should be exported before they are fully inoculated according to the regulations in force in the particular country concerned. Special care must be taken to ensure the correct environment into which puppies or stock are exported.
- 18) **Puppies must be microchipped and registered to the breeder at a U.K. microchip database. The breeder must initiate the validation code to the new owner at point of sale.**
- 19) From time to time it will become necessary to investigate conditions or problems which may be thought to be hereditary. It is essential that the full co-operation of all members be given in any such investigation.
- 20) Best practice is that all breeding stock to be eye tested and a copy of the results passed to our Health Co-ordinator for the records. **Results to inform breeding should be as recommended by KC/BVA schemes.**
- 21) **Best practice is that all breeding stock to be patella tested between 12 and 18 months and a copy of the results passed to our Health Co-ordinator for the records. Results to inform breeding should be as recommended by KC/BVA schemes.**
- 22) Copies of any other test results should also be sent to the Health Co-ordinator. Any test should be declared/shown to users or new owners.
- 23) Members will, when breeding dogs, adopt as a minimum standard the principles, requirements and recommendations as embodied in the Kennel Club's Assured Breeder Scheme. It is strongly recommended that members who breed should apply to join the Scheme.
- 20) No member of the GBBA shall use social media to make unjustified derogatory comments, direct or implied, about:
  - a) Another member
  - b) The Association
  - c) An official of the AssociationSuch conduct may be considered incompatible with continued membership and may lead to the expulsion of that member.

Breach of these provisions may result in expulsion from club membership, and/or disciplinary action by the Kennel Club and/or reporting to the relevant authorities for legal action, as appropriate.

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